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FOUR YEARS FOR COMMISSIONERS

Revised Charter Provides For Five Members, Including the City's Mayor.

TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE

Same Boundaries for the City and the Wards are Provided Under the Revision.

In order that everyone may be given a chance to study the new city charter which will come up before the voters in November, The Alma Record has decided to print the charter, portions of which will appear each week. It is far too exhaustive a work to be published at one time. The first three chapters appear this week.

Charter of the City of Alma, Michigan.

We, the inhabitants of the City of Alma, Michigan, in order to obtain the benefits and advantages afforded by the so-called "Home Rule" statute of this state, which provides for local self-government on the part of the inhabitants of said municipality, and thereby to obtain and establish a more direct and businesslike administration of all its municipal affairs and procedure, the application of modern and improved methods of municipal government in all departments of the city, and practical and efficient agencies to enforce the same, and generally to otherwise promote our welfare do hereby adopt for our government, guidance and control, the following charter:

Chapter I.—General Powers of the City.

(1) Sec. 1. The people of the city of Alma, Michigan, as its limits are now or hereafter may be established, shall continue to be and remain a body politic and corporate, and shall be known as the "City of Alma"; and by that name may contract, sue and be sued, have a common seal, and may purchase, hold, appropriate, lease, sell, convey and dispose of any real and personal property within its power and authority, and shall have, exercise and enjoy such corporate powers, both express and implied, as are conferred upon cities by Act number 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan for the year 1909 and the amendments thereto, commonly known as "Home Rule for Cities"; and as may be from time to time provided by the general laws of the state, subject at all times to the constitution of the state. All of the powers thus conferred upon the City of Alma shall be exercised, enforced and established in the time and manner provided in this charter, and as may be from time to time otherwise prescribed by the legislative body of the city.

(2) Sec. 2. The city shall not have the power to sell any property of a value in excess of ten cents per capita according to the last preceding United States census, of any park, cemetery, or any real estate used in carrying on a public utility, or any part thereof, or any property bordering on a water front, or vacate any street or public place leading to a water front, or engage in any business enterprise requiring an investment of money in excess of ten cents per capita, or authorize any issue of bonds, except special assessment bonds, refunding bonds, or any emergency bonds, unless approved by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election.

Chapter 2.—Boundaries of City and Wards.

(3) Sec. 1. The lands embraced within the corporate limits of the city and its territorial boundaries shall be and remain the same as now constituted and over which the city of Alma is now exercising its power and authority, until territory is detached therefrom or added thereto in the manner provided by law therefor. The territory so embraced and included in the city of Alma is particularly described as follows, namely:

The east one-half (1/2) of section number thirty-three (33), section number thirty-four (34) and section number thirty-five (35), all in township number twelve (12) north of range number three (3) west, Michigan meridian, and the northeast one-quarter (1/4) and the west one-half (1/2) of section number two (2), all of section number three (3), and the east one-half (1/2) of section number four (4), all in township eleven (11) north of range number three (3) west, Michigan meridian. The boundaries of said city of Alma are the outward divisional lines of the said several subdivisions as established by the government survey thereof, and to be determined therefrom, and the jurisdiction, power, and authority of said city is limited and defined thereby, except as to such matters and things as apply to power, jurisdiction and authority of the city outside of the corporate limits, where its power shall be co-ordinate with the power, jurisdiction and authority conferred upon it by the general laws of this state.

(4) Sec. 2. The city is hereby divided into four wards, known as (Continued on page eight)

EQUIPMENT ARRIVES

Company 87, Michigan State Troops Gets Part of Its Equipment.

After a considerable delay a portion of the equipment for Company 87, Infantry, Michigan State Troops, has arrived and Tuesday night at drill it was apportioned among the men as far as it would go.

The material received consists of about fifty of the uniforms for the company, putties sufficient for all of the members, some dozen and a half regulation army hats and plenty of hat cords. Shirts also arrived for the entire company. In addition two bugles were received for the buglers of the company.

The hat cords for the enlisted men of the company are white and those of the officers are black.

It is expected that the balance of the uniforms and hats will arrive within a short time.

Guns are also to be sent for the company, but so far nothing has been heard from them. The officers of the company hope that they may arrive shortly. In the meantime they hope to be able to secure the guns of the high school cadets for use in the drills.

SERVICE STATIONERY

Have you a boy or some member of your family who is serving in the army, the navy or in the marines? place of business, The Alma Record. If you have you are entitled to display a service flag in your home or in your place of business. The Alma Record is prepared to print stationery with the service flag emblem in red and blue, with the white background. If you wish we can also print your name on the stationery with a neat style of type, thereby giving you something up-to-date for your personal correspondence.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

MADE AT CHURCH

Many Needed Repairs at M. E. Church Are Being Made by Board of Trustees.

DEC.—M. E. Church. During the past month, while the Methodist Episcopal church services have been adjourned owing to the hot weather, the church has been undergoing some extensive repairs, which will run in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

Many things for the betterment of the church have been undertaken by the trustees which have had charge of the work, which have greatly changed the looks of the interior, and in addition have given considerable more room.

An additional room has been made in the church over the Epworth League room. The high ceiling of this room was lowered somewhat and another room, the size of the league room, has been made above it.

The entire interior of the church has been redecorated, adding a freshness to the interior that is particularly noticeable. In addition to this the lighting fixtures of the church have been changed, new fixtures having been installed. The floor of the auditorium has been changed for the betterment by the discarding of the carpets and the varnishing of the floor. This has made the auditorium so changed that it seems like the interior of an entirely new structure, rather than a part of this church which has been in use for some years.

During the past two weeks an entire new shingled roof has replaced the old one.

The trustees of the church who have had charge of this work are A. W. Brock, J. A. Gerhardt, H. M. Landis, T. J. Clark, H. M. MacCurdy, E. L. Smith, C. H. Washburn, Dr. Thornburgh, and Wilbur Price.

In addition to these changes the Young Men's class of the church has installed a moving picture booth, with a view of later furnishing good wholesome pictures, probably once a week.

MUST REGISTER

Men Reaching Age of Twenty-One Since June 5 Register this Month.

In order that there may be a continuation of the available supply of men, the young men of America who have reached the age of twenty-one since June 5 are required to register for military duty on August 24, according to state publications this morning, which estimate that 4,000 more men will be registered in Michigan.

The Gratiot county draft board has not yet received official word in regard to the new registration, so that further particulars will not be available until next week's Record.

NEAR TO DROWNING

Miss Mildred Cuthbert, an employee of the Republic Motor Truck company, had a narrow escape from drowning at Bass Lake Sunday, where she was spending the day in company with a number of friends. It seems that the young lady was unable to swim and went beyond her depth in the water, and went under. Earl Parker of the Home Lumber & Fuel company, who was also at Bass lake, saw the predicament of the young lady, and quickly brought her to shore where she was revived.

NEW PLANT TO START FRIDAY

Home of the Purity Brand Milk Company is Now Ready for Active Operation.

PASTEURIZATION A FEATURE

Routes will be Started and Milk Sold in All Sections of the City.

The Purity Brand Milk company, which has been constructing a plant in this city on Walnut street during the past few months, will start active operations Friday it is expected. The company is planning on furnishing not only pasteurized milk, but ice cream, cottage cheese, butter, milk and butter, and has the machinery now installed for the pasteurizing of milk, the making of ice cream and butter.

The plant of the company consists of a building 36 by 60 feet and a boiler room adjoining, which is 15 by 35 feet. The work on the structures is not yet completed. The buildings are both to be brick veneered, and it is expected that this work will take about another month.

All modern and up-to-date machinery has been installed throughout the plant for the various work which is to be done. This includes a clarifier for taking the dirt from the milk, a pasteurizer, an automatic bottler, a bottle washer, for the pasteurizing milk portion of the business. A complete ice cream making outfit is also installed with a capacity of nearly sixty gallons of ice cream per hour.

It is the intention of the company to sell milk through the stores and also to start retail delivery routes, which will cover the entire city.

Albert M. Bogeman will be the active manager of the Alma plant. He has had plenty of experience in the Midland plant of this company which turns out 1,000 quarts of milk a day and 150 gallons of ice cream.

CLEAN UP

State Inspectors Here to See That City is Cleaned Up at Once.

Places around this city which are supplying food, and which are not handling foodstuffs in a sanitary manner, are getting instructions to clean up and make their business places sanitary or face arrest.

The orders to this effect are coming from Inspectors Charles J. Cook and F. W. Peck of the State Food and Drug department, and they are visiting every place in the city which is handling foodstuffs. They have been in the city only a short time and have not yet covered all of the places which are to be inspected.

Milk will also be inspected by these men. So far ten samples of milk have been sent to Lansing by these men to be analyzed, and without a doubt more milk samples will be sent with a Record reporter this morning. Samples had been sent to Lansing was of the sky blue kind, intimating strongly that some of the people of Alma were paying twelve cents a quart for well watered milk.

Mr. Peck stated that six places in Alma have been ordered to clean up and that orders must be obeyed. Any other places found not in a sanitary condition will also receive the word to clean up within ten days.

In case of failure to clean up after notice, the proprietors of the places will be arrested under the state law, was the information given out by Mr. Peck.

The men have been placed here by the state department to do a thorough job and they will remain here until the job is done.

A MISTAKE

Our attention has been called to the letter of B. L. Case, county clerk, to the local authorities, regarding the matter of the detention of Treva Franklin and Effie Marvin at Ithaca, when they were being supposedly held for state officials.

The letter of Mr. Case set forth that they were not committed to detention by anyone in authority, after having been taken to Ithaca by Deputy Wheeler, and that after waiting for forty-eight hours they were told that they could go. The letter is not an acknowledgment that he made a mistake in letting them go, as was the impression, but sets forth matters as to why they should not have been in the juvenile detention.

The Record is glad to correct any wrong impression in regard to a good official at any time, and hopes that no ill impression in regard to Mr. Case has been created.

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AUTOMOBILES COLLIDED

Two Cars Came Together in Newark Sunday Night, Injuring Several.

An automobile accident took place in Newark township Sunday evening, when two cars collided on the road, in which several persons sustained injuries and were lucky in not being more severely injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Litwiler, Mrs. Litwiler's sisters, and their two children were driving past a corner, when the automobile collided with another car containing Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pentony, their baby and his parents, coming from another road. The parties in both cars were thrown out, and injured and both cars badly smashed. It seems that the drivers of neither car saw the other car approaching the corner until it was too late to avoid the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Litwiler and Mrs. Litwiler's sister were all injured to some extent. The Pentonys were all injured, the little baby being the worst injured of all, the skull being broken. An operation was performed as soon as aid could be summoned, and it is now reported that the youngster will recover. The other members of the party received some bad cuts and bruises.

BOARD WILL FIX

UP WRIGHT PARK

Chicago Landscape Gardener Will Be Here to Lay Out Work That is Needed.

The park board of the city council has been making an effort to beautify Wright park this summer and has made the place much more attractive than it has been in the past few years.

Flower boxes have been placed at the various entrances to the park, which add greatly to the attractiveness of the place. A large flower bed has been planted near the center of the park.

Numerous swings have been placed at various points around the park where the youngsters may play, and a few other pleasure devices have also been installed for the young.

Covered waste cans have been placed at convenient places throughout the park, where waste paper and fruit skins may be deposited so that the park may be kept clean.

Chairman Frank Smith of the park board informed The Record yesterday that Alfred Yeomans of Chicago, well known landscape gardener, would be in Alma this coming week to make plans for the further beautifying of the park.

Mr. Smith also said that the board was in hopes the plans of Mr. Yeomans would be carried out yet this year and the needed work done before winter.

FINE DRILL

Saginaw Shriners Entertained Here With Splendid Drill Thursday.

The Saginaw Shriners ended a pilgrimage through the county in Alma Thursday evening, bringing the pilgrimage to a close with a series of drills, which were given on the pavement of State street, before the Masonic home, and again on Superior street in front of the Wright House.

A large crowd turned out to greet the Saginaw Shriners and to witness the well executed drills, which they gave, and watched with interest the various formations that were made.

A. D. Amsden, former Alma musician, now a resident of Saginaw and a member of the Saginaw Shriners, was here with them.

Following the drills a banquet was held for the Shriners at the Wright House, over one hundred plates being laid for this affair.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. J. Frank Jackson, rector of St. John's church, was called to Winn Sunday to conduct a memorial service for Ralph Clark, the first Isabella county man to die in action. Clark was also the first Isabella man to enlist following the outbreak of the war. He was killed in action in July. He was the son of a widower, and one of three brothers. Two enlisted and the third was drafted. The other two are now in France. The Home Guards of Mt. Pleasant, the I. O. O. F. and other organizations took part in the services.

CLOSE MOVIE FOR REPAIRS

The Idlehour theatre will be closed Monday, August 18, for the balance of the month, while repairs and changes are being made. Some minor alterations will be made and the interior of the movie will be redecorated. It will be open again September 1, at which time the patrons will again be treated with the high grade motion pictures, which have made this place a popular one in the past.

CLOSE FOR LECTURE

Every business place in the city will close Friday afternoon from 3 until 5 for the war lecture by James Pershing, brother of General Pershing who is leading the American forces in France. It is also hoped that the business places will close Monday afternoon for the lecture by Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, on the subject, "The World War and America."

FAIR WILL START ON AUGUST 27TH

Many New Features Will Be Seen This Year at the Gratiot County Fair.

BENEFIT FOR THE RED CROSS

Five Big Days of Races, Exhibits and Amusements for County This Year.

The officials of the Gratiot County fair are laying plans for the best fair in the history of Gratiot county this year, and there will not be a dull moment during the entire five days of the fair which starts August 27, and continues through the balance of the month.

One of the features of the fair this year will be the Red Cross auction sale, for which many farmers, merchants and others are assisting liberally. Some of the farmers are furnishing sheep and hogs to be auctioned at this sale. Proceeds from the auction to the Red Cross. It is expected that a surprisingly large amount of money will be raised in this way for the use of this great organization by the sale.

The usual races will furnish the lovers of horse racing with some good attractions during the fair, and some fast races are being looked forward to.

There will be plenty of amusements during the course of the fair. The Ferris Wheel, the Delamere Troupe, the Galarma Sisters, the Musical Maidens and other high grade attractions. On the first night, Tuesday, at 8:00 there will be a mammoth night show on the elevated stage in front of the grand stand. It will be an attraction worth seeing.

Prize stock will be on exhibition as usual, which is bound to be of interest to the farmers of the county, and to draw heavily on the crowds, which always enjoy looking over fine stock.

ALMA'S FIRST

Alma's Youngest Lad in U. S. Army Was First Killed by Huns.

Leslie Clifford McLean, sixteen years old, January 20, 1918, the youngest Alma man in the service, is the first youth from this city to be killed in action on July 20, as mentioned in last week's Record.

Leslie McLean, while listed on the roll of honor as a Milland lad, is an Alma boy. He was born in Gratiot county and for the greater part of his life lived in Alma, and received his schooling here. For four years previous to his enlistment he had been a constant resident of this city.



Leslie Clifford McLean

Young McLean enlisted January 23, being just three days past sixteen when he joined the colors. He was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, for training, and the latter part of March left for France, where he arrived on Sunday afternoon, April 7. About June 1st he went to the firing line and from that time until his death, July 20th, he was doing all that he could to aid in the defeat of the Hun. He has made the great sacrifice, and given his all to his country. His parents may well be proud of the son, who so unflinchingly went into the great struggle to make the world safe for humanity.

The memorial services for Alma's first to die at the front will be held Sunday evening in the chautauqua tent, for which arrangements are now being made. It was at first decided to hold the services at the M. E. church but because of the number expected to attend, the chautauqua tent was secured. Captain George Frederick Campbell, who speaks on the chautauqua program Saturday night will remain in Alma over Sunday and speak at the memorial services.

GOOD AMOUNT PLEDGED

The members of the Gratiot County club have pledged a fund of \$7,000 for the interior decorations and furnishings for the club room. A lease has been signed, whereby the club has secured the large room over Robinson's store on State street, for the club rooms. The lease is for three years. Arrangements have also been made for a dumb waiter to the club rooms from the Tiffin cafe in the basement of the building. This will be installed very soon. Just as quickly as possible the work of decorating and furnishing the club rooms will be started.

PURCHASE GROUND

Church of Christ Officials Purchase Location for Church.

The building committee of the Church of Christ has purchased a location for a new church and is in hopes that in the near future a handsome place of worship may be constructed. The property which was purchased is on the north side of East Superior street, and has a frontage of 120 feet and faces down South Court street, east of Church's park.

In talking with a Record reporter the first of the week Rev. Raum stated that the building committee of the church was in hope of being able to construct a new church on this property in the very near future.

He also said that in view of the fact that the city did not have an auditorium, in constructing the new church, and auditorium with a seating capacity of about twelve hundred would be placed in the church if the building committee found support enough in the city to insure such a move. He mentioned that if such an auditorium was put in the church that it would be open to all except political and sectarian gatherings.

NEW MANAGER

H. F. Cooper, manager of the Lindquist store in this city, has been transferred to the Muskegon store conducted by Mr. Lindquist, and B. J. Hendry of Grand Rapids has been sent to Alma to take charge of the store here. Mr. Cooper came to Alma when the Lindquist store was opened less than a year ago and brought it successfully to the front and has earned his well merited promotion. Mr. Hendry, who comes to Alma to take the management of the local store of this firm, comes to this city with flattering recommendations as a live business man and a good hustler.

WAS INJURED WHEN

TRAIN HIT TRUCK

Calvin Pratt, Riding on Truck in Hospital as Result of His Injuries.

Calvin Pratt, an aged resident of Ithaca, was severely injured Monday afternoon, when struck by an east bound freight train, when near the village of Elwell.

Mr. Pratt, in company with a younger man, was hauling tile from Elwell to a nearby farm with a truck. They started to cross the railroad tracks with the truck, and then noticed the Pere Marquette freight train so close that the truck could not be cleared in time with the train.

Both men jumped from the truck, hoping in that way that they might be able to get out from in front of the train. The younger man succeeded but the 71 year old Mr. Pratt, was unable to leap to safety and was caught by the train.

He suffered some bad injuries, but luckily escaped with his life. He received some bad wounds about the scalp and face, and his shoulders were badly sprained. When picked up by the train crew he was found to be unconscious.

He was loaded onto the train and brought to Alma just as quickly as possible, where he was taken to a local hospital for treatment. In spite of his advanced age, and the great shock, he is improving and is expected to recover.

MOVING OUT

S. W. Anderson Moves Store From Alma to Two Rivers.

S. W. Anderson, who has been in business in this city for the past several years, has discontinued his business activities in this city and moved his stock of goods to Two Rivers, where he has opened a store.

Mr. Anderson has been in business in this city for the past several years. At first he conducted a restaurant here, and then took in a partner and started a general merchandise store under the firm name of Anderson & Hauck. After about two years the firm was dissolved and Mr. Anderson continued the business by himself.

The store which was used by Mr. Anderson in the Fraker block has been rented to Paul Bozzo.

BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL

Alma Spencer of Detroit, recently arrested on a charge of grand larceny in Detroit and returned to this city by Undersheriff Arthur Murphy, has been bound over to circuit court to stand trial. The hearing was before D. L. Johnson, justice of the peace.

Miss Spencer was arrested in July on charges preferred by D. W. Robinson, after this young lady had come to this city and conducted a demonstration at the Robinson stores.

ONE SPOON, PLEASE.

Make one spoon of sugar
Do the work of two.
Keep the program going
Until the war is through.

CHAUTAUQUA BIG SUCCESS

Program Being Given This Year is Best That City Has Ever Enjoyed.

WAR IS THEME OF LECTURES

Splendid Features Still Remain for Balance of the Week of the Chautauqua.

Without question the 1918 Redpath chautauqua, which is now visiting Alma, has the best program that has ever been offered on the Redpath platform, and is making the chautauqua movement more popular than ever with Alma audiences.

The lectures in particular are proving inspiring this year, relating as they do to various war matters which touch the minds and hearts of every person in the audience and with subjects that are vital and gripping, hold the closest attention of everyone present. There is a great thirst for knowledge of this kind on the part of the American people and the Alma audiences are getting a portion of this thirst quenched with first hand information, told by men who have been in the war stricken countries and studied these things at first-hand, and who have the capability of pounding home this information, so that no one fails to grasp its import.

The chautauqua was opened Monday afternoon by a concert by the Croatian orchestra, which was highly pleasing to the large audience. The children's hour followed the concert.

In the evening the Croatian orchestra gave a short concert, including several native selections which were well greeted by the audience. The concert was followed by the lecture, "The Sunny Side of Life," by Lou J. Beauchamp, which was one of the finest lectures ever given in Alma.

Mr. Beauchamp, dean of American lecturers, brought the war into his lecture in a way that compelled the attention of the several hundred in the tent. He greatly raised the spirits of those mothers and fathers in the audience with his statistics of the death rate at the front and in the American cities, which indicated that the son who has gone forth for his country is in no greater danger of death than at home. The need of preparing for a war of from three to five years was pressed home by him, as was the great need of winning for the sake of humanity. He spoke of how the thoughts of the boys at the front was turning to their Maker, of a certain narrowness in the churches of the country, which would be broadened as a result of this war.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Vera Poppe and assisting artists gave a very pleasing concert. This was followed by the thrilling reading of that famous war play, "The Man Who Stayed at Home," which was given by Miss Clarissa Harrold.

In the evening a short concert was given by Miss Poppe and assisting artists, and Miss Harrold gave a short selection. The lecturer of the evening, Frank Mulholland of Toledo, followed. Mr. Mulholland was on the front in France this spring, was through the prison camps in that country, was in Paris when it was bombed by the long range guns. He studied the situation at first hand, and as a result his address was highly interesting and instructive. As he told stories of the German method of frightfulness, his audience, silent and tense, listened as though spellbound, drinking in every word. This was especially true as he told of the crucifixion of a Red Cross nurse by the Germans.

It was a highly impressive lecture and everyone who heard it left the chautauqua tent determined to do his part in winning the war, what they hope may be the last war, and that such horrors of warfare may be things of the past.

Wednesday afternoon Chancellor George H. Bradford of Oklahoma university gave his great lecture, "Rebuilding the world." This lecture contained a highly important message for the young of America and as a result of its importance to these people, the doors were thrown open to everyone in the city under twenty-one years of age. The lecture was an inspiring one.

Last evening lovers of music were greeted with plenty of the best, Miss Margery Maxwell of the Chicago Grand Opera company, and her assisting artists, giving a concert, which was most warmly greeted. Many from other towns in the country came to Alma last night for the concert.

The ticket sale for the chautauqua was far better than a year ago, and the ladies of the Red Cross came very near to selling tickets enough to meet the contract. To make up the amount and leave a surplus for the Red Cross, the men of the city who backed the contract, each purchased one or more additional tickets, so that the ladies have had a reward for their work.

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